

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

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Supervisor Pam Slater-Price discusses regional issues with Reps. Susan Davis (above) and Brian Bilbray (below) during her trip to Washington D.C.



Slater-Price Goes To Washington

Champions Need for Regional Projects

Federal funding for sand nourishment, clearing overgrown brush to prevent fires, domestic violence prevention programs and Medicaid services were four of the topics championed when Supervisor Pam Slater-Price went to the nation's Capitol as part of the county's continuing effort to gain its share of federal funding.

Supervisor Slater-Price met with Reps. Bob Filner, Brian Bilbray, Susan Davis and Darrell Issa, representing the San Diego County delegation; staff representatives for California Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara

Boxer; and members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Medicare and Medicaid Services, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"Our representatives in Washington D.C. understand the issues and are working hard for the people of San Diego County," explained Supervisor Slater-Price.

"San Diego County is seeking funding to continue reducing the dead trees, the overbrush brush and other combustible fuels that turn a wildfire into a raging inferno that destroys property and endangers lives.

"To date, San Diego County has paid to have removed 420,000 dead, dying or diseased trees - between 10 percent and 15

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County Awarded Top Credit Rank

Uncertainty on Wall Street is **not** affecting the County of San Diego's credit rating, which earlier this month was awarded the highest rating possible by Standard & Poor's when its ranking was raised from AA+ to AAA. San Diego is the only county in California to be awarded the prestigious credit rating.

"This great news serves as an example of how all levels of government should operate - be fiscally conservative and build each budget on sound financial principles," explained Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. "I am proud of the

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Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (left) explains the progress made in San Diego County to combat wildfire prior to the demonstration of the Superscooper's power to drop 1,620 gallons of water infused with fire-resistant foam (above).

AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

News of Note

Find Your New Best Friend

October is a great time to bring a new friend into the family. The County Department of Animal Services is waiving the adoption fees for dogs weighing 50 pounds or more in celebration of "Adopt a Dog Month."



Adoption fees cover spaying or neutering, wellness and rabies vaccinations, microchip identification and a one-year free dog license for adopters who reside within the unincorporated areas or any city in which the county provides animal control services.

The county's three shelters have a high number of pets available for adoption. The shelters are at 5480 Gaines St. in San Diego; 2481 Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad; and 5821 Sweetwater Road in Bonita. To view photos of animals up for adoption, visit www.sddac.com/adoptions.asp.

Be Informed: Register Your Cell

Register your cell phone today at www.ReadySanDiego.org and you will be notified immediately if there is a disaster threatening your neighborhood, no matter where you are. It takes only two minutes to make sure you will receive emergency updates and evacuation information.

Easy Way To Verify Registration

An easy online tool is available at www.sdvote.com to help voters check registration information through the county Registrar of Voters. The tool is available in English, Tagalog, Spanish and Vietnamese.

It can also be used by those who vote by mail to find out when their ballots are received by the Registrar's Office. Voters can also access their sample ballot online.

To change registration, voters can fill out a form available at www.sdvote.com, or at the Registrar of Voters Office, all U.S. post offices, public libraries and the Department of Motor Vehicles offices. All forms must be postmarked or delivered to the Registrar of Voters no later than midnight Oct. 20.



PACIFIC BEACH HONORS ITS FIRST RESPONDERS...

It was a time of celebration and honoring those who serve their community when Pacific Beach turned out for the 28th annual Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night community picnic at North Crown Point Shores (above). Supervisor Pam Slater-Price helped fund the event through a community projects grant. Enjoying the celebration were PB native Marcie Beckett (above right) and John Pernicano, a longtime merchant and member of the Pacific Beach Town Council.



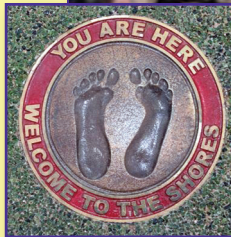
Honored were SD Police Officer David Maley, Sgt. Darrell Esparza of the San Diego Fire Rescue-Lifeguard Service, paramedic Capt. Robert Spangler of the SD Fire Department, San Diego Deputy City Attorney Teresa Fout, and San Diego Parks Ranger Karolynn Estrada.



Members of Girl Scout Troop 3181 (above right) enjoyed the barbecue and day's activities, which included a performance by PB Kids Rock (above right). Catching up on events were Joe Wilding (below right), with his parents John and Mary, all of whom are longtime community members and served on the Pacific Beach Town Council. Also enjoying the picnic were Monica Green and her nephew, David (bottom right). Lifeguard Lt. John Greenhalge chats with friends who serve as first responders.



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NOW ON THE MAP!

Three years in development, a community effort to raise public awareness of the La Jolla Shores Underwater Park and Marine Reserve was celebrated with the long-awaited unveiling of "The Map," a 64-foot-long pathway that contains more than 50 lifesize sculptures embedded in the entry point to the popular dive site at Kellogg Park.

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (bottom right) unveils one of the sculptures as artist D. Lynn Reeves looks on. The Map is being used as an educational tool teaching students about the cove's aquatic life (left). Supervisor Slater-Price assisted in funding the \$300,000 project through two community project grants. Also underwriting the project that was organized and promoted by the Friends of Kellogg Park was the Suycaun band of the Kumeyaay Nation.



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example we are setting at the County of San Diego.”

According to Standard & Poor’s “Ratings Direct” report, “the stable outlook reflects (San Diego) County’s deep and diverse economic base, strong reserve levels, formalized policies, manageable debt burden and long track record of conservative budgeting where actual results typically exceed initial projections.”

“It’s like winning a gold medal,” added Walt Ekard, the county Chief Administrative Officer.

“It says clearly that the financial community is confident in our ability to lead and manage a complex government. Getting an upgrade in the current, tumultuous economy is particularly gratifying.”

S&P also assigned a AA+ rating to the San Diego County Regional Building Authority’s \$221 million series 2008A lease revenue bonds issued on behalf of the county to build the new County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa.

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percent of the total number of damaged trees in the most impacted fire zones. We need to remove a similar percentage to reach what fire officials believe is a safe fuel load level,” Supervisor Slater-Price said. “We might consider cutting a buffer zone for North County cities to protect them from wildfires.”

Another issue Supervisor Slater-Price, a member of SANDAG’s Shoreline Erosion Committee, said was high on her agenda is sand replenishment.

“This is important for two reasons,” she explained. “The first is we must protect our shoreline. The sad reality is that the West Coast has received a small, disproportionate share of federal funds, even though we have one of the longest coastlines.

“Second, our beaches are part of the economic engine that sustains San Diego County. People come to our region to play at the beach, to enjoy time in the sun on the sand. A sandy shoreline generates jobs. Tourism in San Diego is not just Sea World or the San Diego Zoo - it is Mission Beach and Del Mar and Moonlight Beach in Encinitas. It is imperative that we protect and enhance this natural resource.”

Supervisor Slater-Price sought funding through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which administers many shoreline projects, for a pilot sand-retention project that, if successful, could be expanded to other areas in the county. One such device, working successfully in



Supervisor Pam Slater-Price discusses funding sources with Rep. Bob Filner.

Denmark, is PEM - Pressure Equalizing Modules - a system that places hollow tubes vertically into a beach and disperses water and retains sand. The modules allow the sea to drain while keeping sand in place.

“The economic downturn across our nation will affect the funding counties and municipalities receive in the years ahead,” said Supervisor Slater-Price. “This region needs to do an even better job keeping not just its delegation informed of the needs here, but explaining San Diego County’s situation to the representatives who sit on key budget committees. This is why this trip to Washington D.C. was so important.”

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